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Victim Identified in Shooting Death of Male in Chollas Creek

San Diego – On July 30, 2023, at 7:23 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center received several calls reporting a shooting that occurred in the 3700 Block of Altadena Avenue in the Chollas Creek Neighborhood of San Diego. Officers from Mid-City Division were immediately dispatched and arrived within minutes. Upon arriving, they found a male lying in the street suffering from at least one gunshot wound to his upper body. Responding officers and paramedics provided medical aid to the victim prior to the male being transported to a local hospital for emergency treatment. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the officers and medical personnel, the male was pronounced deceased at the hospital at 8:11 p.m.

San Diego Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. It is still early in the investigation and little is known about the circumstances leading up to the male's death. However, detectives have learned the victim may have had a brief verbal confrontation with at least one other male in the area immediately preceding the shooting. There were multiple persons in the nearby vicinity of this incident that may have witnessed a portion of the shooting. Detectives are currently in the process of interviewing those witnesses, gathering physical evidence from the crime scene and checking the area for any surveillance video footage. At this time, the only description of the suspect is a Hispanic or white male, late teens to early 20's, and wearing dark clothing. The suspect may have fled the area in a dark colored vehicle.

The deceased male has been identified as Marcelo Barajas of San Diego. He is described as a 35-year-old Hispanic male.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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